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Deputies' Meeting

Friday, 25 July 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Becker, Hedden, Col. White,

[redacted]

General Smith:

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a. Asked if any further information had been received on the appearance of "our two witnesses" before the McCarran Committee. Mr. Dulles stated that McInerney had been out of town and he expected to get in touch with him on Monday, at which time he would make a report to the Director. *Mr. Dulles found this misleading. He was to talk to McInerney on getting copies of Seattle testimony and has since decided to let the matter ride.*

Mr. Dulles:

a. Referred to the situation in Iran and Egypt and stated that since we had never discussed this with [redacted] he believed that now was the time to do so. In this connection, the Director stated that we did not produce enough estimates of our own and tended to spend more time in the production of NIE's and possibly the staff of ONE should be increased. Mr. Becker stated that (1) he was well aware of this; (2) action to rectify this situation was already in progress.

b. In response to a query from the Director, Mr. Dulles briefly discussed his conversation yesterday with [redacted] and, in particular, noted that (1) upon being advised that things were not going too well insofar as [redacted] was concerned, [redacted] stated he would make every effort to carry out our recommendations; (2) [redacted] did not in any way appear ruffled and, in fact, gave no indication that he would resign; (3) [redacted] however, did discuss his resignation with a certain officer of the Agency who had advised him to resign. The Director stated that this particular officer went far and beyond his authority in making such a statement and should have advised [redacted] to take this matter up with either the D/DCI or DCI. In this connection, the Director also stated that in order for this Agency to function properly, it was absolutely necessary that junior officers be controlled by their superiors.

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